

## Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A portable telephone with an originator  
acknowledge function includes an originator confirmation  
button, response button, response mode controller,  
display, channel controller, message sending unit, and  
10 monitor. The response mode controller controls the  
response mode to an originator confirmation mode in  
which only reception is possible when the originator  
confirmation button is operated, and controls the  
response mode to a normal response mode in which both  
15 transmission and reception are possible when the  
response button is operated. The channel controller  
activates the response mode controller and connects a  
channel in the originator confirmation mode. The  
message sending unit sends a first message prompting a  
20 response of an originator to the channel when the  
channel is connected in the originator confirmation mode.  
The monitor outputs a speech signal of the originator  
from the channel to a recipient via a receiver after the  
first message is sent. The response mode controller  
switches the response mode from the originator  
confirmation mode to the normal response mode when the  
response button is operated during the originator  
confirmation mode.